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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Olivier BUFFARD, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: DEVICE FOR ASSEMBLING A SHIELD ONTO A TANK, SHIELD, ASSEMBLY METHOD AND TANK

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

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- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, some of which are cited in the attached International Search Report. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.
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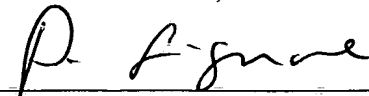
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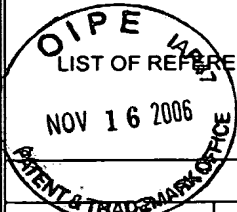
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**References AA through AC on Form PTO-1449 are discussed in the specification.**

**Reference AO on Form PTO-1449:**

The invention deals with a device for the assembly of two elements with a spacer, intended in particular for the suspension of an evaporator of cooling agent in a refrigerating apparatus.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	4,909,530	03/20/1990	Teruhisa TSUKADA, et al.			
	AB	4,930,811	06/05/1990	Teruhisa TSUKADA, et al.			
	AC	5,193,262	03/16/1993	James P. HYDE, et al.			
	AD	6,142,435	11/07/2000	Frank LODI			
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